

# SAHARA

## Prior to '21 Increased by City Council For Taxation

All Buildings Erected Before That Date Have Assessment Increased Ten Per Cent—All Erected Since That Date Given a Decrease in Taxes

The assessed value of buildings erected previous to 1921 was increased by council last night, by ten per cent, while on the other hand the assessment on buildings erected since that date was reduced by ten per cent. The net result of the increase and reductions is a total increase in assessment of about \$900,000, or an increase in taxes of about \$40,000.

By Commissioners.

The recommendation to increase the assessment on buildings erected prior to 1921 was submitted to council by the commissioners and met with a favorable reception. The board, some of whom contended that the increase in taxes on buildings erected prior to 1921 was warranted, while others contended that the increase in taxes on buildings erected since 1921 was warranted. The board, however, decided to increase the assessment on buildings erected prior to 1921 by ten per cent, and to reduce the assessment on buildings erected since 1921 by ten per cent. The net result of the increase and reductions is a total increase in assessment of about \$900,000, or an increase in taxes of about \$40,000.

Estimates for 1924.

It was in the report of the commissioners that the estimate for 1924 was submitted to council. The estimate for 1924 was \$1,000,000, or an increase of \$100,000 over the estimate for 1923. The estimate for 1924 was based on the assumption that the assessment on buildings erected prior to 1921 would be increased by ten per cent, and the assessment on buildings erected since 1921 would be reduced by ten per cent. The net result of the increase and reductions is a total increase in assessment of about \$900,000, or an increase in taxes of about \$40,000.

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## ALLEGED ROBBER OF BANK FUNDS WILL BE HEARD IN ONE WEEK

Harry C. Davidson, taken by Pinkerton detectives in Georgia and brought here, was arrested in the Imperial bank under the charge of stealing \$18,000 from a branch of that bank, was arraigned in police court yesterday morning. He was charged with the theft and also with making false entries, and was remanded for one week.

## NO NEWSPAPER TRUST STATES BEAVERBROOK IN INTERVIEW

Tells New York Times That No General "Understanding"

By Commissioners.

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## Restrictions Into U.S. May For May Not Be Irksome

If Quota Rule Is Applied as Suggested There Will Be Embarrassment—Ottawa Thinks No Friction Will Be Called for

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## Wants All Heads of Buffalo Now Being Killed at Wainwright

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—According to a Citizen news story, Sam Bilsky, prominent local veterinarian, has contacted with the Dominion government for the purchase of the skins and heads of the buffaloes killed by the federal authorities from their hands at Wainwright. Already 600 buffaloes have been destroyed, and the number will reach 1,500 before the killing operations cease. The sale of the heads and skins will mean the introduction of buffalo coats, robes and head ornaments after an absence from the market of 25 years.

## FUNERAL HAS BEEN DELAYED, XMAS VICTIM IS NOW A MYSTERY

By Commissioners.

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## Gets Wild; Is Maniac Says War Veteran After Arrest

Supposed to Have Murdered Pretty Miss Estelle Phillips and Made Another Girl an Invalid by Protracted Period of Torture

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## Gets Life

George Vassal, former French convict, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Marie Vassal, who was found dead in a rooming house in Montreal. Vassal was





# Stage and Screen

## Parities

**IRVING'S IMPERIAL MIDGETS**—Don't fail to witness about Education the numbers of Irving's Imperial Midgets, the celebrated group from Europe are attracting considerable interest. But just how does this little folk are coming to be seen at the Parities theatre, where they are heading the splendid Christmas week bill that Mr. Alas, Parities has reserved for the local parities.

A splendid variety of entertainment of the highest quality, including more surprising yet to be introduced upon the stage—and that more novelties—has incorporated in their offering. There are twenty distinct artists, knee-high to a grasshopper, and their drama marked by perfect harmony of motion, program of acrobatic, and musical performance are bringing forth the acclamation of all who have seen them. They are, indeed, little wonders.

Despite the fact that they have been on this continent, but seven weeks, already many of them are successfully mastering the English language so as to be understood. It is known that at least two of them can say "I do," for they were married in Minneapolis, a fortnight ago.

Two added attractions on the current bill are Walter and Sherry in "The Ripped-out Schemer," and "The Ripped-out Schemer," and "The Ripped-out Schemer."

## Capitol

**CHORUS (O'clock)**—The former team provides comedy and song only enough to fill the latter's schedule in dancing. Both these acts are making a hit locally as the "Wishes in 'Tune Running Around' a bicycle specialty which novelties are well to the foreground.

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## Varsity Student

**AT SASKATOON IS VICTIM OF ASSAULT**

**SASKATOON, Dec. 27**—After a twenty-four hour fight at the University of Saskatchewan, a varsity student was found wandering on the street last night, exhausted and in a pitiable condition. Police officers arrested him, but he was not known to any of the students. He was charged with assaulting a woman and was held in the city jail for preliminary hearing Monday.

The girl told the police that she had been walking with a friend and a male friend when they were approached by a man who was drunk. He was very violent and she was afraid to go home. She was taken to the hospital and is now recovering from her injuries.

## Secretary of Ambros Small

**NOT FORGOTTEN**

**OTTAWA, Dec. 27**—Attempts to find out the whereabouts of the late Secretary of the House of Commons, Ambros Small, have not been abandoned. A search is being made for his remains, which were found in the wreckage of a train that crashed near the town of St. Catharines, Ontario, last year.

## Elks' Thursday Night

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## Must Keep the Whole Empire in Existence

**Premier Massey is Satisfied to Leave it at That in Toronto Speech**

**TORONTO, Dec. 27**—"Our principal duty and business now consists in keeping the empire in existence," Premier Massey said in a speech at the University of Toronto last night. He was speaking at a meeting of the Imperial Conference, which was held to discuss the future of the British Empire.

## Overcoat Sale—Men's, Women's, Boys'

**Where It Costs Less**

**MEN'S OVERCOATS**  
COATS, Regular Price \$40.00 **\$19.90**  
These are absolutely made and up to date quality uncomparable

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Worth up to \$6.00 and \$7.00. The clearance of the boys' overcoats is all the way to a New Coat. Billed and held.  
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## Ladies' Coats

**Clearing the lot—Every Coat Price cut again. They are now at a price that every woman should take advantage of.**

**Boots, Moccasins and Rubber Sale**

**Graniteware, Toy and Doll Sale**

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Home Suggestion  
Fashion Review  
Personal News

# The Tangle

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**MANITOBA PIONEER DEAD**  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—A pioneer of the thrilling days of rebellion in Manitoba and who on one occasion heroically offered battle to a marauding Indian chief, chasing him away with a hatchet after he had

She was born at Headingly, Man., near this city, and was the widow of Andrew Boyd, a close friend of Thomas Scott, Riel rebellion victim.

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## NOTICE

FRANCES McCOLL, late of  
the City of Edmonton, in the  
Province of Alberta, Spinster,  
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
all persons having claims upon the estate  
of the above named deceased, who died

on or before the 11th day of February, 1924, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Executrix will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in  
the Province of Alberta, this 20th day  
of December, A.D. 1923.

**HOWATT & HOWATT,**  
Solicitors for the Executrix.

728 Tegner Building,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

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Stocks and Bonds  
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FIFTY MILLIONS IN  
DEPOSITS THIS YEAR

ALBERTA BEST  
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## Short Selling Blocked at Winnipeg Though Trading Was Light and Featureless

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Though trading was light and featureless, the local wheat market today resisted short selling, displayed recuperative power from week spots and closed higher. There were fractional losses during the early hours, December dropping to 91½.

The farmers continue to sell cash wheat and restate in the deferred position future. There seems to be a lot of December wheat wanted at six cents under May, and no doubt terminal elevator interests are accumulating stocks. There is also some spreading, selling Winnipeg May.

grain purchases of Minneapolis. May.

The feature of the corn market established today. Prices in December barley, with a four-cent advance yesterday and 14 cents today. This was brought about by over sold market conditions and shorts in their effort to cover find offerings very light. Other coarse grains and light. Other coarse grains and light. Other coarse grains and light.

## RANGE IN GRAIN PRICES

	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—			
December	92	91½	92
May	97½	97½	97½
July	99½	99½	99½
OATS—			
December	36½	36	36½
May	40½	40½	40½
July	41½	41½	41½
BARLEY—			
December	60½	59½	60½
May	57	56½	56½
FLAX—			
December	108½	107½	108
May	206½	204½	204½
July	206½	206½	206½
RYE—			
December	65½	65½	65½
May	70	70	70½

## Winnipeg Cash Prices

WHEAT—	
Number 1 Northern	85
Number 2 Northern	85
Number 3 Northern	85
Number 4 Northern	85
Number 5 Northern	85
Number 6 Northern	85
Feed	68½
Track	91½
OATS—	
Number 1	74½
Number 2	74½
Number 3	74½
Number 4	74½
Number 5	74½
Number 6	74½
Feed	68½
Track	91½
BARLEY—	
Number 1	60½
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FLAX—	
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RYE—	
Number 1	65½
Number 2	65½
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Number 5	65½
Number 6	65½
Feed	68½
Track	91½

## Local Grain Markets

Elevator prices supplied to the Hull by the U.G.G., Dec. 14th	
No. 1 Northern	79
No. 2 Northern	79
No. 3 Northern	79
No. 4 Northern	79
No. 5 Northern	79
No. 6 Northern	79
Feed	68½
Track	91½
OATS—	
No. 1	74½
No. 2	74½
No. 3	74½
No. 4	74½
No. 5	74½
No. 6	74½
Feed	68½
Track	91½
BARLEY—	
No. 1	60½
No. 2	60½
No. 3	60½
No. 4	60½
No. 5	60½
No. 6	60½
Feed	68½
Track	91½
FLAX—	
No. 1	108½
No. 2	108½
No. 3	108½
No. 4	108½
No. 5	108½
No. 6	108½
Feed	68½
Track	91½
RYE—	
No. 1	65½
No. 2	65½
No. 3	65½
No. 4	65½
No. 5	65½
No. 6	65½
Feed	68½
Track	91½

## VERY QUIET AT STOCK MARKET; NO HOG SALES

Lamb Quoted at \$2.50 to \$3.00  
—No Market Establishments  
Made Yesterday

EDMONTON STOCK EXCHANGE, Dec. 27.—With no receipts there was no trading in the stock market today. The market was quiet with no trading in the stock market today. The market was quiet with no trading in the stock market today.

## PROFIT TAKING RENEWED WHEN SELLING BOOMS

Over Million Shares Handled—  
Reactionary Tone at Day's  
Close

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Heavy profit-taking, a renewal of selling in Wall Street today followed the reactionary tone of the day's stock market after an opening of moderate strength. The biggest loss was outlined by the stocks which recently have recorded the largest gains.

## GREYBEARDS ON 'CHANGE MARVEL AT WOOD'S PLAN

The Veteran Speculators' Claim  
Proves Theory That Long  
Shots Best

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Market speculators who have grown gray at the task of trying to move the market in Wall Street today followed the reactionary tone of the day's stock market after an opening of moderate strength.

## Bank Clearings

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—The following bank clearings were reported today:	
Bank of Montreal	1,000,000
Bank of Commerce	500,000
Bank of Nova Scotia	250,000
Bank of Toronto	150,000
Bank of Victoria	100,000
Bank of Vancouver	50,000
Bank of Winnipeg	25,000
Bank of Regina	10,000
Bank of Saskatoon	5,000
Bank of Calgary	2,500
Bank of Edmonton	1,250
Bank of Lethbridge	625
Bank of Medicine Hat	312
Bank of Swift Current	156
Bank of Regina	78
Bank of Saskatoon	39
Bank of Calgary	19
Bank of Edmonton	9
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CASTLE IS JAIL BUT LOVE  
ASKS ENTRANCE ANYHOW

**FIRE-TONGUE**

BY  
SAX ROHMER

ILLUSTRATED  
BY  
H. W. SAWYERFIELD

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found himself in long-standing before an over-crowded and waiting driver which presented a picture of utter chaos. A fellow-bound reached his car—the distant

revelation as the first. Not until the departure came the driver of a third car, the window of which was exhibited drawn blinds. As it passed beneath him he uttered an exclamation of triumph. Vaguely, remembering the words of the driver the



Illustration of a man in a suit and hat looking out of a train window, with a city skyline in the background.

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# HOME VISITORS EXCURSION Fares

# CANADIAN PACIFIC

Brownwood, Tex.—Love laughs at locksmiths!

Interpreting Lotheria, just released from the local bawls here have proven it.

When the picture was incarcerated looks very much like a nurse.

To while away the hours of domestic via the untrodden swaths of an advertisement in a national paper stating they were "wealthy backwoods." They were "wealthy backwoods."

For a while and beautiful river.

That was needed to make their happiness complete, they stated, was

grievous of linking their destinies with greatness of the kind mentioned.

Who lived in a chateau such as the picture accompanying the notice.

In a few days the local post office.

Boo Pugh was compelled to assign the editorial department.

The editorial address to the tributed swains from all parts of

The joke ended when the young man.

and departed with an interesting experience which to them had no otherwise very monotonous confinement.

His automatic swiftly from his pocket, and, pressed against the wall beside the window, looked about him at a man looking down at himself surrounded by enemies.

Paul Harley retreated step by step to the bushes. He held the pistol tightly clenched in his right hand.

He had heard his own death sentence pronounced and he knew that it was likely to be executed.

**SAYS GERMANY  
FORCING DOWN  
FRANC VALUE**

He regained the curve of the drive without missing a cog. Then, slipping the pistol into his pocket, he climbed rapidly up the tree from which he had watched the arrival of the cars, climbed the way and dropped into the weed jungle beyond. He crept stealthily through the brush, and when he reached the road he had uncoiled the racer, drawing nearer and nearer to the bushes lining the

His car had disappeared. Feeling his way into the darkness, he found a backstreet, his footsteps ringing out sharply upon the pavement. Then, suddenly, he turned not to the left, but to the right, and he saw himself flung down upon it. He lay there for a moment, the entrance to the lane.

A faint sound, heard only by him, would have detected it. He brought him up sharply, and he saw a man in a dark coat, looking behind him. For a moment he hesitated, then he went on. Then, against the comparison of the dark, he saw a figure. He saw a figure—the head and shoulders of someone—perched on a ledge.

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Paul Harvey had prayed would be the last time he would be involved in the situation. He believed that he had turned in the direction of Lower Clavary, a street in the south-east of the city, and he saw the man wave his arm, whereupon the second man joined him. The third man joined him, and finally, the fourth.

Harvey clenched his teeth grimly, as the ominous crowd began to move toward the left, he resumed his slow retreat to the right—going back to the street where he had come from the very centre from which he was acquainted and from which he

As the truck lurched forward, the passenger came out onto the roadway, along with the driver. As the truck lurched forward, the passenger came out onto the roadway, along with the driver. As the truck lurched forward, the passenger came out onto the roadway, along with the driver.

The council adopted a resolution strongly objecting to any action on the part of the League of Nations to confer with the Imperial Government of Japan, and to the countries so that more stringent immigration regulations may be formulated.

Alderman Lawrence, who represents a ward where there is much immigration, said that Mr. Smith, dominion immigration clerk, had said that the Government of Smith was credited with giving an address in England only a few days ago, that the Government was not for their lack of adventurous spirit and for accepting unemployment.

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(Continued in Our Next Issue)

### COMMIT SUICIDE.

NELSON, E.C. Dec. 27.—Dor Wong, Chinese resident of Nelson, for Chinese New Year's Eve (Chinese Christmas) day, his body lying dead hanging from a hook in the kitchen of his home in Chinese store. He put up the hook in the wall and used the hook to hang his coat and hat. It was while the body was inclosed in the hook that he committed suicide.

### DAIRING RESCUE.


NEW, N. Dec. 27.—Dairing Nelson early today rescued seven Chinese dairies from the hands of a pair of a five-story apartment house in West 41st street. Fireman Joseph Huthel, 30, of the fire house, rescued the dairies.

### GUARD UNIVERSITIES.

BUCHANAN, Dec. 27.—The situation in the Russian universities is steadily growing worse. The situation of the anti-Jewish disturbances in the Russian universities, says the London Times, is growing worse. The situation in the Russian universities is growing worse. The situation in the Russian universities is growing worse.

### FEWER DEPTHS.

PARIS, Dec. 24. — The chamber of deputies today approved M. Loucheur's proposal to reduce the number of deputies from 624 to 521. The vote was 220 to 210.



<p>Store Hours</p> <p>9 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Every Day</p>	<p><b>JAMES RAMSEY</b></p> <p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Store Hours</p> <p>9 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Every Day</p>
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FRIDAY'S SHOPPING NEWS

# Overcoats for Young Men

## \$27.50

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Smart Overcoats in semi-raglan style with three-piece belt and patch pockets. Fine quality checked back coating in popular colors. They are quarter lined and splendidly finished. Special Overcoat Values at \$27.50.


**Friday Noon Lunches**

No. 1—25c

VEGETABLE SOUP  
MACARONI AND CHEESE  
BREAD AND BUTTER  
STEWEED PRUNES  
TEA, COFFEE OR MILK

No. 2—35c

VEGETABLE SOUP  
BAKED SARDINES, MARSHED  
POTATOES AND GRAVY  
BREAD AND BUTTER  
CHERRY DATE LAYER CAKE  
TEA, COFFEE OR MILK



### Men's Heavy Wool Mackinaw Coats at \$10.50

Extra quality Mackinaw Coats in dark checked patterns. They are double-breasted Norfolk style and have warm shawl collar. Ideal outdoor coats. Priced at **\$10.50.**

### Stationery Specials

HIGHLAND LINEN	
Pound Packages	45c
Letter Size	50c
Notebook Size	40c
Small Size	25c
Envelopes	25c
CLOVER LINEN	
Pound Size	45c
Letter Size	50c
Notebook Size	35c
Small Size	25c
Envelopes	25c
2 pkgs. for 25c	
CHAMOS VELLUM	
Letter Size	50c

### Men's Genuine Leather Vests at \$13.50

A practical garment for outdoor wear. This genuine Leather Vest with heavy wool lining. It has knitted cuffs and neckband. Priced at **\$13.50.**

Notepaper Size	40c
Envelopes	25c
<b>BUSINESS SLATE LINED ENVELOPES 100 per box</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>BOXED ENVELOPES 100 in box,</b>	
<b>3 1/2 x 5 1/2</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>3 1/2 x 7 1/2</b>	<b>30c</b>

**Pure Thread Silk Hose**  
**\$1.59 Pair**  
 Regular \$2.25 Value

**Misses' and Women's Velour Skirts, \$3.95**  
 Regular \$5.00 Values

Serviceable smart looking Skirts, made of good quality velour in small, subdued checked patterns in many pretty

These are a beautiful heavy quality pure thread silk with silk lisle garter tops. Every pair is perfect and the colors are black, brown, Russian calf and nude. Sizes 8½ to 10. Special, \$1.50. 600 pairs on sale.

<b>FEDERALISTS GIVE UP NEWLY CAPTURED TOWN</b>	<b>NORTHWEST STATES GET COLD SNAP AND GENERAL SNOWFALL</b>	<b>OREGON RADIO FAN HEARS FRENCH CALL IN AMATEUR TEST</b>	<b>INTERCHANGING OF PULPITS TO BE DECIDED</b>
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**WANT WAGE INCREASE.**

CLAYVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Negotiations between the Pennsylvania State Police and the American Association of State Police Officers for train service men will be completed today. The officers, who are being sent to the company on the basis of last year's wages, are being sent to the company on the basis of last year's wages, and the company is being sent to the company on the basis of last year's wages.

**Federal Vets**

NOBLESBURG, Md., Dec. 26.—Two thousand federal soldiers under arms here today to demand that the government pay them the interest of Mexico to the United States.

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**HUGE HAIL STONES**

PRITCHIA, South Africa, Dec. 10 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters)—A hail storm of unprecedented violence caused damage to property to the extent of \$100,000 in this city and vicinity on Christmas day. Fortunately no lives were lost in the storm and there were only a few casualties.

Immense hailstones were precipitated, some of them being as large as eggs, according to reports and falling over sixteen inches. The size of the hail rendered aerial communications.

Three families, left their homes on



**TAKES HEAVY TOLL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Deaths from diphtheria in the United States showed a considerable increase last year. It was shown yesterday by new Bureau statistics. There were 1,187 deaths from diphtheria in 1922, compared with 14,823 in 1921, and 1,982 in 1920. The death rate from diphtheria was 15.8 per 100,000 population last year, compared with 8.8 in 1921 and 16.1 in 1920.

Spanish and Italian consulates (left to right) in Philadelphia were bombed a few days ago. Several Spanish